

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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1. Field of the Invention

Please insert the following on page 1, line 18:

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2. Brief Description of Related Developments

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The functional environment of the GPRS system comprises one or more subnetwork service areas, which are connected to form a GPRS backbone network (Fig. 1a). The subnetwork comprises numerous support nodes (SN), of which serving GPRS support nodes (SGSN) will be used as an example in this specification. The serving GPRS support nodes are connected to the mobile communication network (typically to a base station via an interface unit) in such a way that they can provide packet switching services for wireless communication devices via base stations (cells). The mobile communication network provides packet-switched data transmission between the support node and the wireless communication device. Different subnetworks may be, in turn, connected to external data networks, for example to a public switched data network (PSDN), via GPRS gateway support nodes (GGSN). Thus, the GPRS service enables packet-format data transmission between a wireless communication device and an external data network, wherein certain parts of the mobile communication network form an access network. Some examples of